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THOROUGH-BRED Sires IN THE UNITED STATES.

(From Wilkes' *New York Spirit of the Times*)

The States of New York and New Jersey now possess a larger number of first-class thorough-bred horses than ever before, and among them are included several of great note, imported from England. At the head of the list we place—

Imp. Balbownie, he having proved himself a very successful sire, though he is but few good mares. This noble horse, son of old Queen Mary, one of the most celebrated of the English brood-mares, and well known as the dam of Blink Bonny, by Melbourne. Blink Bonny won the Oaks and the Derby, and, though he died, she only failed in the St. Leger by reason of being off. It was ignorantly charged by some, at the time of the race, that she was pulled, and a mob tried to inflict violence on her jockey. Queen Mary was by Gladiator, who also got Sweetmeat. The sire of Balbownie is Annandale, who ran second to Merry Monarch for the Derby. Imp. was by Touchstone out of Holacea, by Lotteray, Alice Haworth's dam. It will thus be seen that Balbownie is of uncommonly remarkable families on both sides, situated distinguished alike for speed and stoutness. He was a good performer himself, but we apprehend that his fame as a sire will greatly surpass that which he earned in his career. All the colts he has got are rapid, and the best of them, Captain Moore, dam Jenny Rose by Imp. Glencoe, is thought to be as good as any young horse in the country. Mr. James S. Watson, of Valley Brook Farm, New Jersey, owns Balbownie.

Imp. Eclipse, by Orlando, dam Gaze, by Bay Middleton, is another horse of great merit in this vicinity. It has been thought by some that the Orlandos, though fast, were rather soft. This defect it was believed came through his dam, Vulture. Yet Orlando got Teddington, who was one of the greatest and steepest horses of modern times. Eclipse is a full-blooded, the fastest, and stoutest horse for his great rate of speed that ever was bred in England. Eclipse himself was very fast, as his racing career in England proved. Priorress was thought to be fast for a milie, but we have it on the best authority that Eclipse could beat her a great deal. He is a very handsome horse, and the specimens of his get, now three years old, are such as to make their owners "very sweet" upon them. M. T. Morris owns Eclipse, and he stands at Mr. Mailliard's, at Bordentown.

Slasher, by Childe Harold, out of General Washington, by Zingane, is the companion, perhaps we may say rival, of Eclipse, at Bordentown. Slasher was a good race-horse, and his blood is such as should command him to the attention of breeders, either for thoroughbred or half-bred mares.

Proprietary by Imp. Monarch, out of Cassanova, by Frian, is at Mr. Mailliard's, and is offered for sale. Proprietary succeeded, past the latter gentleman, and, together with Charles L. Ford, his trainer, believes him to be the best racehorse ever owned, and, by Revenue, dam of Mr. Grimes, another well-bred

stallion, at the same place. He was a good runner, and very stout horse. Either of these would make a valuable cross with the common mares of the country, and the produce would command a much higher price than our breeders of that sort of horse are now obliged to content with.

Lapidist, by Touchstone, dam by Taurus, is another imported horse,

and one of exceeding good pedigree. It may be seen in our office, traced out at length in all its ramifications. Lapidist is a horse of great power. We should think he must get racers, and we know that his blood cannot but be valuable to our farmers. Lapidist was some years in Canada, where he had no chance at great mares. He was sent out

by a gentleman of wealth and

influence as a present to a

younger brother who had emi-

grated to Canada. The

Touchstone blood is immediately represented in America on the male side, we see by Lapi-

dist. Now, as it bit with and

improved almost everything it

touched in England, we should

give it a trial in Lapidist, who

is a son of the famous old

barriar of Esters Hall very

strongly. Lapidist was brought

to New York by Colonel P. C.

Bush, who went upon an ex-

pedition to Canada on pur-

pose to get him. He belongs to

Mr. Forbes and Jerome, and

is said to be a son of a mare

at Albany, where he has got

very fine-looking colts. The Queen's

Plate was won last year in

Canada by one of Lapidist's

colts.

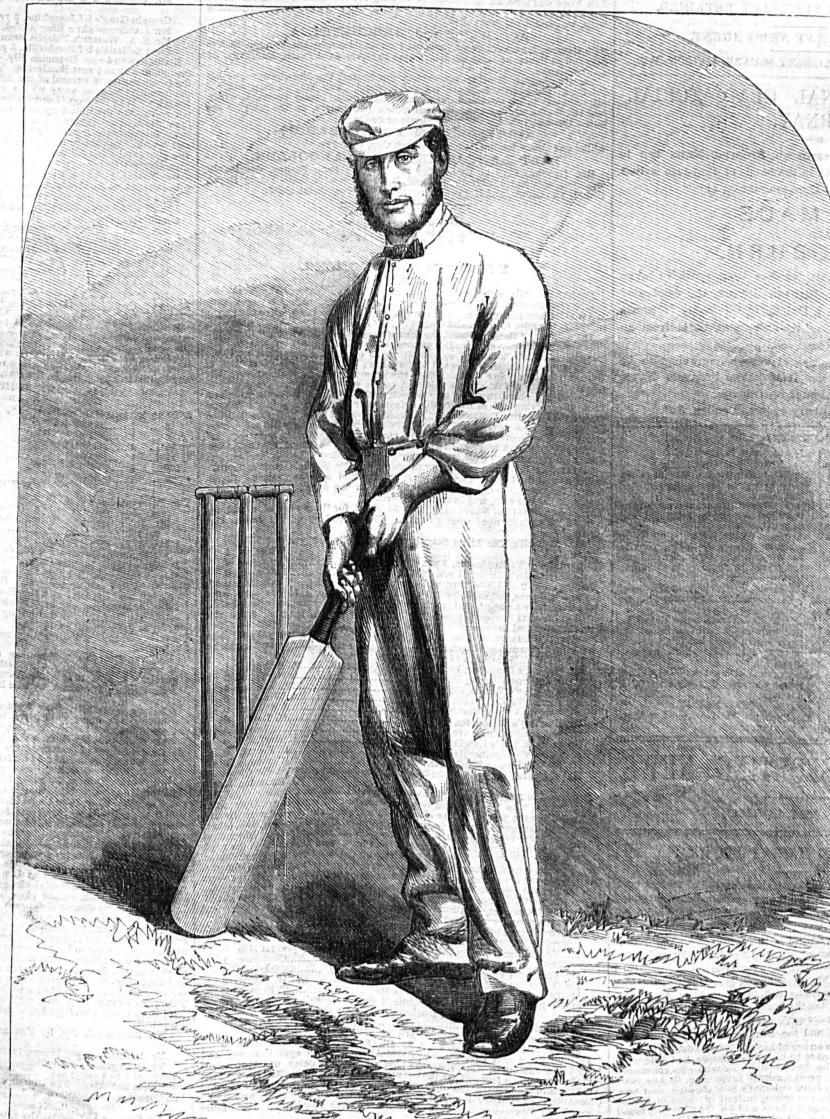
Trovatore, a handsome bay horse, by Imp. Monarch out of Madam by Imp. Yorkshire, is in England. Lapidist near Albany. This horse was a good winner, and from his blood and quality richly deserves attention from the breeder.

Frank Cheatham, a powerful grey horse by Imp. Albion, dam Imp. Albion, is at present on Long Island. He was one of the favourites in the South, and was very nearly, if not quite, a first-rate racehorse. It took the wonderfully speedy little horse Ben West to beat him in his three year old form, and Captain Minor always spoke of him as the fastest horse in the world. Frank was great size and bone, and if his hands on the Island he ought to be bred to. He belongs to Mr. Wilkes, as also do Ben West and Panic. We shall give no sketch of the latter here, because he is in training, and not for service.

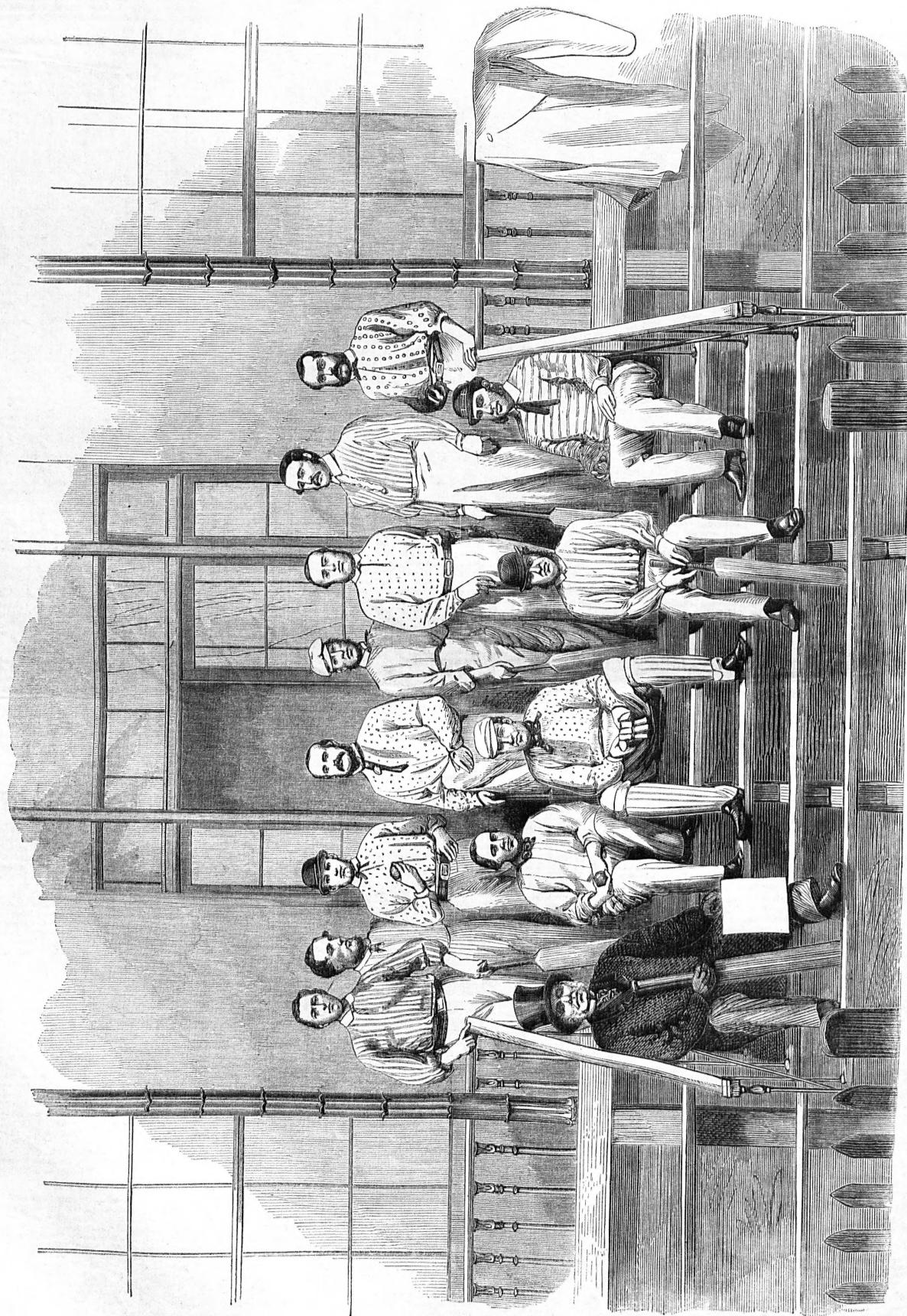
Besides these, there are somewhere in this State the imported thorough-bred horse Constanter, and the imported thorough-bred horse Young Sweetmeat. The latter was a good-looking colt when he ran here, and is the only son of Sweetmeat, by Imp. Albion. In our next we shall notice the thorough-bred stallions of Ohio, Missouri, Illinois, Iowa, Pennsylvania, etc.

A few days since, a valuable buckskin, belonging to Mr. Bickerstaff, was at the Western Station, in this city, sold at Devizes, leaving five very young puppies. In the same house, there happened to be a cat with kittens, but the latter are now almost entirely deserted, the having since the death of the mother transferred her affections to the puppies, to which she attends with all the fondness of their natural mother.

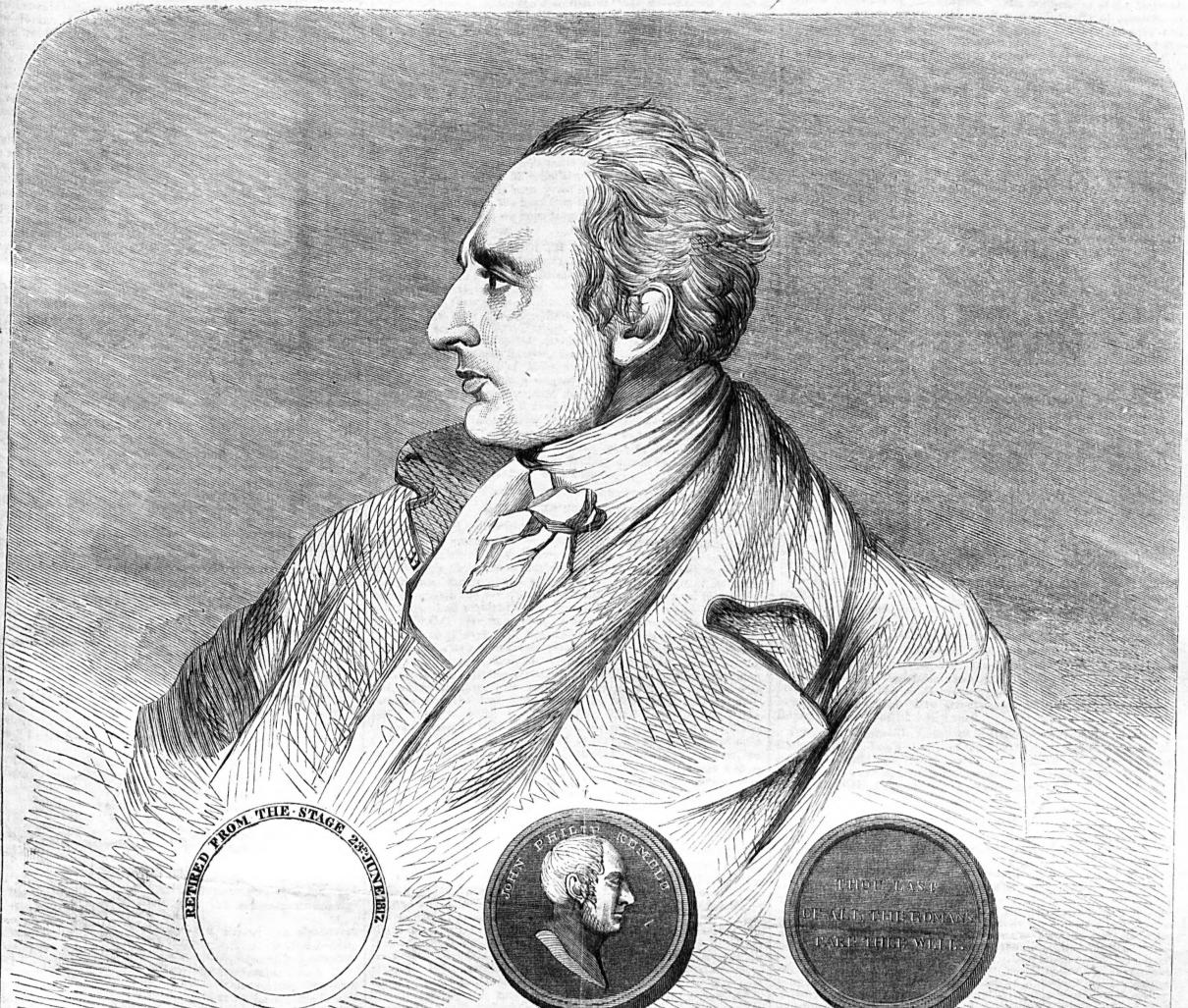
Wiltshire Mirror.
—**Salmon Fishing at Atholne.**—The quantity of salmon that has within the last fortnight come so far up the Shannon as Atholne, exceeds anything even within the memory of "the oldest inhabitant." It is evident that the fish have discovered some new opening, and obtained a greater facility of entrance into the upper river.—*Dublin Mail.*



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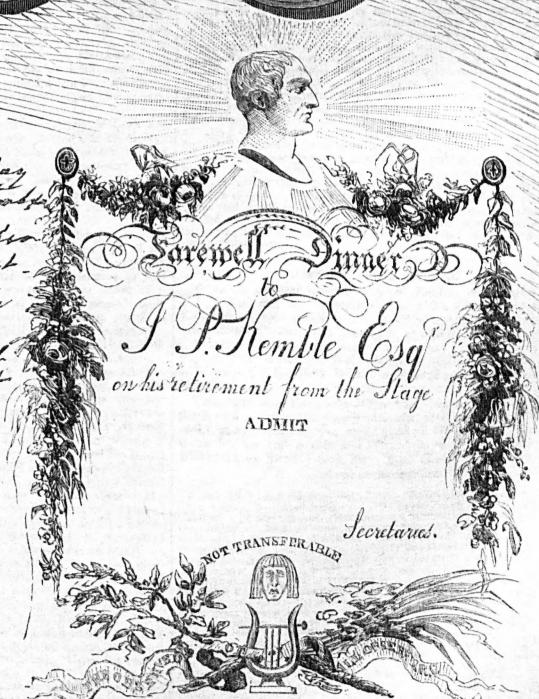
Gentlemen,

You propose me an honour, of which without the slightest affectation, I break myself to know they are unable to discharge my very slight sense. On Friday, the 27th instant, if that day is perfectly convenient, I will have the honour of waiting on the meeting, when and at what hour they please to appoint.

I am, gentlemen, with the
utmost respect,
Your most obliged
and most obedient Servt

J. P. Kemble

June 1st 1817.
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